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Senate Bill 74

By: Senators Rogers of the 21st, Goggans of the 7th, Tolleson of the 20th, Hill of the 32nd, Chance of the 16th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

- 1 To amend Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
- 2 Annotated, relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act,"
- 3 so as to provide that no high school which receives funding under such article shall
- 4 participate in, sponsor, or provide coaching staff for interscholastic athletic events which are
- 5 conducted under the authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic
- 6 association unless the charter, bylaws, or other governing documents of such athletic
- 7 association comply with certain requirements and standards; to provide for related matters;
- 8 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

- 11 Part 14 of Article 6 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
- 12 relating to other educational programs under the "Quality Basic Education Act," is amended
- by inserting after Code Section 20-2-316 a new Code Section 20-2-316.1 to read as follows:
- 14 "20-2-316.1.

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- 15 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'athletic association' means any association of
- schools or any other similar organization which acts as an organizing, sanctioning,
- scheduling, or rule-making body for interscholastic athletic events in which public high
- schools in this state participate.
- 19 (b) No high school which receives funding under this article shall participate in, sponsor,
- or provide coaching staff for interscholastic athletic events which are conducted under the
- 21 authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic association unless
- 22 the charter, bylaws, or other governing documents of such athletic association comply with
- 23 this Code section. In order to comply with this Code section, such charter, bylaws, or other
- 24 governing documents shall provide that no subregional, regional, or state championship
- game shall end in a tie and that every such event shall have a clearly decided winner."

26 SECTION 2.

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.